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The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Specter:

Thank you for your letter of 15 November 1988 requesting an update on information concerning PLO chairman Arafat's involvement with terrorism and related issues.

In response to your letter, our analysts have used our latest information to prepare an analysis of Arafat's personal involvement in terrorist acts. We have also provided an unclassified fact sheet on [redacted] including a chronology of that group's terrorist activities as requested by your staff. The typescripts concerning the recently concluded Palestine National Council meeting and the uprising on the West Bank provide our current appraisals of those events. The analysis also provides background for understanding the current controversy at the United Nations.

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We appreciate your continuing interest in this issue. I want to assure you that we devote considerable operational and analytical resources to the problem of Arafat's and the PLO's involvement in terrorism.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Bill

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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